

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 21, 23 to 29, 31 to 33, 35 to 39, 41 to 57, 59 to 65, 67 to 69, 71 to 73, and 79 to 81, as amended, appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 17 to 19, 23 to 27, 53 to 55, 59 to 63, and 79 to 81 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected species. The amendments are fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. Therefore, there is no issue of new matter.

Claims 1 to 3, 5, 6, 15, 16, 20, 21, 28, 29, 31 to 33, 35 to 39, 41, 42, 51, 56, 57, 64, 65, 67 to 69, and 71 to 73 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement for the reasons set forth on page 3 of the Final Office Action.

To facilitate the early allowance of the claims of the present application, Applicants have amended the claims to delete the matter identified in the Final Office Action as having unclear support. In addition, Applicants have amended the claims to change the recitation of "each of R₈, R₁₀, and R₁₂ to R₁₄ is independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkylaryl, CN, CF₃, CO₂R, C(O)R, NR₂, NO₂, OR, halo, aryl, heteroaryl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, or a heterocyclic group" to --each of R₈, R₁₀, and R₁₂ to R₁₄ is independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkylaryl, CN, CF₃, NO₂, halo, aryl, heteroaryl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, or a heterocyclic group.-- As the terms CO₂R, C(O)R, NR₂, and OR have been deleted from the claims, the present claims clearly meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Therefore, the present claims meet the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1 to 3, 5, 6, 15, 16, 20, 21, 28, 29, 31 to 33, 35 to 39, 41, 42, 51, 56, 57, 64, 65, 67 to 69, and 71 to 73 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

With regard to the miscellaneous matters set forth on page 3 of the Final Office Action, Applicants submit that the claims have been amended as suggested in the Final Office Action.

With regard to the objection to claims 7 to 14 and 43 to 50, Applicants submit that the claims 7 and 43 have been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and the intervening claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to claims 7 to 14 and 43 to 50.

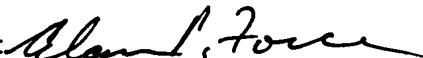
Applicants thus submit that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, an early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner not agree with Applicants' position, a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues prior to the issuance of a further Office Action, and to expedite the allowance of the application.

A separate Amendment Transmittal and Request for Extension of time is submitted herewith. Should any other fees be due, however, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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